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For : METHOD OF MAKING THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECT

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on May 18, 2004, April 19, 2004, and December 14, 2005, Applicants hereby submit a copy a German Office Action dated November 7, 2005, together with an English language translation of the same, with respect to patent family member German Patent Application No. 103 44 902.7-24, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) German Patent Publication No. DE 101 48 967 A1, corresponding to family members U.S. Patent No. 6,657,155, and Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-115004 (corresponding to Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-306546); and

(2) German Patent Publication No. DE 199 53 000 A1, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof.

The Examiner is invited to review the German Office Action to inspect the relevance indicated during German examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of German Patent Publication No. DE 101 48 967 A1 and German Patent Publication No. DE 199 53 000 A1 are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Further, Applicants note that since this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicants certify that the German Patent Publication No. DE 101 48 967 A1 and German Patent Publication No. DE 199 53 000 A1 in the Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Applicants additionally note that U.S. Patent No. 6,657,155 was previously made of record by the Examiner, and thus, no fee or certification is required to ensure consideration of this material, as it was already before the Examiner. Further, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-306546 (corresponding to Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-115004) was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement, and thus, no fee or certification is required to ensure consideration of this material, as it was already before the Examiner. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,657,155, Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-306546, and Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-115004 are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 but are not attached herewith because they have already been made of record in this application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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